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Date: 11 Oct 89 20:55:12 GMT

From: pyramid!prls!philabs!ttidca!sorgatz@decwrl.dec.com (Avatar)

Subject: ARRL Membership?

In article <2371@ge-dab.GE.COM> byrnes@sunwhere1.UUCP (Arthur Byrnes) writes:
+QST already had too little technical content, and too much
+"Contesting". It seems they have plenty of room to print the calls
+of those people who manage to get "points" by making hundreds of
+2 second contacts on modes and frequencies that do nothing to
+increase the state of the art, or even foster fellowship and
+goodwill. But no room for the folks who are working towards
+tomorrows radios equipment.

RIGHT ON!! This is exactly my point! This damn "paper-chasing" seems to be the overwhelming burden and it dosen't have to be like that, not at all!

If the membership that is interested in things-technical were to mount a unified campaign to bring this to their attention I think they'd be forced into putting some quality tech articles and columns back into each monthly issue. Like some of the swell stuff that winds up in QEX. Which I've been (basically) forced to subscribe to...how is it that chasing points and paper is worth more than radio science?? I don't really know, but I'll hazard the guess that the contest-wackos are a more vocal lot than us techies...damn shame actually.

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+Just the other day a saw a note here that says they can get usenet
+E-mail, but "They are not interested".

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+These examples show us that they are not interested in talking
+to the thousands of (mostly) upscale highly educated hams who
+are on the cutting edge of technology.

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Yup. I wonder how long this kind of bs will continue? I think maybe I'll start something here: How many of you would be willing to compose and send me a copy of a letter to be sent to K1ZZ David Sumner?? Let's tell him what we think of this situation. Maybe we can make a difference, together.

'73! and send me your comments. Paper-Chase or Technology ??

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Date: 12 Oct 89 02:05:09 GMT
From: pilchuck!ssc!tad@uunet.uu.net (Tad Cook)
Subject: ARRL Membership?

In his posting, Arthur Byrnes complained that the ARRL was not interested in getting E-mail from USENET. Actually, they are not set up to get USENET. There is someone at the ARRL who has played around with USENET, but is not set up to distribute mail to various departments from his personal computer.

If you want to send E-mail to the ARRL, use the MCI Mail connection. I have posted it before, but I guess I need to post it again:

ARRL @mcimail.com

or

2155052@mcimail.com

This should get messages to the ARRL from Usenet.

Also, regarding all the whining over the cutbacks of "New Frontier", this represented about 8% of what they cut. If this represented the interests of a large percentage of the readership, they would not have cut it. As it is, microwave operation is done by a tiny percentage of ARRL members, yet the league is continuing to support it with other publications.

73,
Tad Cook
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Date: Thu, 12 Oct 89 08:36:41 EST

From: bill gunshannon <702WFG@SCRVMSYS.BITNET@CORNELL.CIT.CORNELL.EDU>
Subject: Early Radio History

For those who are interested, there is the Canadian Royal Signals Museum located in Kingston, ONT. It only covers one small piece of radio history but I still enjoy visiting it every couple of years while I vacation in Canada.

And while your in Kingston, The Royal Military College (their answer to West Point) and Old Fort Henry are pretty interesting too. Not radio related but maybe a good way to appease the rest of the family for dragging them to a radio museum. :-) :-) :-)

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Date: 11 Oct 89 17:19:43 GMT
From: gem.mps.ohio-state.edu!ginosko!cg-atla!raybed2!ewb@tut.cis.ohio-state.edu
(EUGENE BALINSKI)
Subject: FT-470 UHF out-of-band mods

For all of you who may be wondering whether an FT-470 will go out of band on UHF, I have some bad news. A phone call was placed to Yaesu by a local tech/dealer asking specifically if it could be done. The tech at Yaesu didn't know for sure but would get back to him. Well Yaesu did and here is the answer. The FT-470 is made in 2 styles, one that is imported and one that is distributed to the rest of the world. It seems that the ones that are sold outside the US can do the trick as they have a different micro-processor than the US versions. The ones in the U.S. cannot due to the soft/firm ware in the micro. A few of the "export" versions were sold in the US early on, so if you have serial # 1 or whatever, it may do it, but most will not.

BTW if you REALLY DO need out-of-band UHF and VHF capability YAESU makes a COMMERCIAL version of their DUAL BANDER. I believe it's called the model 2005. Check with your local Yaesu dealer or Yaesu USA. It can probably be programmed into the ham bands.

73
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Date: 10 Oct 89 14:04:00 GMT
From: ishmael!inmet!benk@bbn.com
Subject: KCBI

Just to round things out: KCBI's FM affiliate is (was?) on 89.3 MHz;
with callsign KCBI-FM.

The last address I have for KCBI that is known to have been correct is:

KCBI
Criswell Radio Network
P.O. Box 1809
Dallas, TX 75221

-- Ben Krepp

From uunet: uunet!inmet!benk
From DDN: benk@inmet.inmet.com

Date: 12 Oct 89 01:19:26 GMT
From: philmtl!philabs!ttidca!sorgatz@uunet.uu.net (Avatar)
Subject: policing CB

In article <8910110718.AA27974@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU> IZZYH79@OAC.UCLA.EDU writes:
+I haven't listened recently, but a while back when I
+listened to CBers blatantly taking over the bandwidth
+just below the 10 meter band some of them even bragged
+openly about their power amplifiers and gave out their
+addresses over the air for QSL cards. I wonder if the
+FCC ever goes/went after them...
+ Arun WC6V

Not just below. The space between CB and 10 meters is currently unallocated
(27.410-28.000) and in the L.A. area it has become 'Hispanic CB'..lately they
have been using 28.0-28.3 as well. The Truckers too have discovered that they
can 'have a quiet channel' in this area. Nominally without a fight..

I've bitched and complained about this for 4 years solid, I've written to
my ARRL SM, I've written to the FCC, I've even T-hunted the bastards down
and given the addresses to both our local FCC office and the OO's. I've
been trying to get some support to have the matter resolved via diplomatic
channels between the US and Mexican Governments...none of which has done a
damn bit of good! There have been about 10 people from this very newsgroup
(you KNOW who you are!) that have written me and said "Yeah, we're with
you on this..let's get 'em!" And they've done the same things..letters,
and more letters..all to no avail.

It seems, given the influx of inexpensive gear to cover the 26-30MHz band,

with all-mode (CW,AM,FM,SSB) capability, and given that such equipment is being sold to CBers at MOST EVERY CB STORE, TRUCKSTOP etc...we, as Amateurs had best decide to either rise up and actually DO SOMETHING about it..or we can look forward to losing 10 meters to the bootleggers.

<side point>

I have endured tons of hateful, shitty, email from a collection of human-scum that cruises this newsgroup, owns and operates equipment out-of-band and refuses to become licensed, or recognize that 10 meters is lawfully allocated to the Amateur Service. They scoff at us...they seem quite sure that the Amateur community will never get off their asses to do anything whatsoever about their illegal operations. Are they right?

There are those individuals, on 11 meters, that have a reasonable attitude and more than enough courtesy to use CB radio for it's intended purpose; but the other side of the coin is there too. It has been my experience, that most (not all!) CBers, given enough encouragement and support, make fine Amateurs.

And why not? They have an active interest in RADIO. They are willing to LEARN. They have some experience at operating the equipment, and most have some experience at the basic skills of electronics as applied to transceiver installation, setup, or modifications.

I have personally Elmer'ed 7 individuals, all of whom started out on CB. I was never so happy as the day they all passed their Novice exams. BTW-they took the exams from a local VEC that I have little contact with, since I'm still only a Tech.

(In-Letter PS to the hate-mail crowd)

What does all this mean? IT MEANS I HAVE NO BIAS AGAINST 11 METER OPS, UNLESS they insist on bootlegging, cranking up the power or smashing up the rules in some other fashion. So, you little-jerks, no more bitching about my having an ax to grind about CBers in general! I was once there too.. ..and we simply didn't talk to people like you! It was considered in bad taste use 'dirty-30's' or kick on a Linear or not ID or hang carriers..etc. You cannot defend any of this kind of behavior, it's simply out of line!

(back to the topic)

The FCC will do nothing. The ARRL will do nothing...unless someone insists on them doing so. And it had better be soon, unless we like the idea of the CB band being 26-30 MHz, in which case the SCUM will have won..simply via inaction on the part of the Amateur community. Think about it, 10 meters is riding on *YOUR* decision.

Persons interested in DOING SOMETHING about this problem are encouraged to write me. Flames to /dev/null...

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Date: Thu, 12 Oct 89 08:09:32 EDT
From: pescatore_jt%ncsd%gte.com@RELAY.CS.NET
Subject: Stirring Oratorial

Wow, I'm only 32 and I feel like an old fart. I've been a ham since I was 12 and it seems like the same old controversies continue to circulate: the ARRL doesn't support us, code vs nocode, HF knuckleheads vs VHF wierdos, people who don't have whatever the latest mode is (SSB, SSTV, packet) blasting those who do, etc. I guess its healthy, although in the age of electronic mail reflectors and packet mail forwarding, I'm afraid that new hams leaping into the digital side of the hobby are going to think Wayne Green must be a typical ham (he's not, OK?).

In ARRL blasting, the latest series of comments has followed the usual path of thinking of the ARRL as the amorphous (sp?) "they", as if there were this giant jellyfish spitting out QST each month and singing the Wouff Hong song. In reality, there are three important parts to the league: (1) QST, and an editorial staff and writers who produce it, (2) all the various elected directors and division whatevers who are put into office by (3) ARRL members, who pay their dues, get a magazine, and fill out ballots.

If you don't like an article in the magazine, complain to the writer. If you don't like QST in general, complain to the editor. If you don't think there is enough technical content, write an article. If you don't like the action of an elected director or whatever, complain to him or vote against him, or run for office yourself. If you don't like what a member does, complain to him.

In general, ham radio has gotten to where it is today (which despite all the gloom and doomers, is a pretty amazing place) by the actions of many self motivated individual amateurs. Hams haven't needed the ARRL or industry trade associations or hit top 40 songs to spur advances. As long as I've been a ham, there have been moaners and groaners, pissing and moaning about this mysterious "them" who aren't doing what "we" need to have done. And I've noticed the P and M'ers are never running for office, or giving novice exams, or writing technical articles. The full expression of opinions is an important freedom we have, the taking action to change thing we don't like is an important responsibility that goes along with it (strains of "From the Halls of Montezuma" grow in volume here, cut to shot of sunrise over the Iwo Jima memorial).

For those of you new, or prospective, hams who are getting your major exposure

to amateur radio from this mail listing, please don't. Get on the bands and make some QSOs. Yeah, yeah, sort through the dueling maritime mobile nets, and the 80 meter Pig Farmers, and the WA4Dogs of the world, and you'll meet a lot of pretty solid people. You'll learn a lot, from an old fart W3 or a johnny novice KB6. You'll have a lot of fun, and have a lot of choice. Join a ham club and go out on Field Day or do two meter support to a local disaster preparedness drill. Get on a contest and work WB2EKK on all bands.

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From: att!cbnewsm!wrc@uchvax.Berkeley.EDU (william.r.clegg)
Subject: water power

In article <CMM.0.88.624018263.rwb@VI.RI.CMU.EDU>, rwb@VI.RI.CMU.EDU (Robert W. Berger) writes:

> what is a typical flow speed (in MPH, knots, etc) of a typical stream?
>
> rwb@vi.ri.cmu.edu

Typically, it is about typical.

Couldn't pass that one up :-)

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